

RETURNED TO GOOD MARKET.

SCH. MARY DECOSTA TOOK FARE TO GLOUCESTER AND BACK TO T WHARF.

It looks as though sch. Mary DeCosta struck it all right by going back to T wharf with her big fare of haddock and cod. She came up to the fish wharf Friday, when things looked so blue in the fish line and off-shores were not worth looking at by the dealers and did not even get encouragement enough to take off her hatch- es, so steered for Gloucester with the intention of splitting the whole trip. But the long easterly sort of made the skipper change his mind, and he figured that with no fish weather some fish would be wanted at T wharf this morning. Accordingly he plugged the craft back for Boston, and this morning found his judgment confirmed for there were only 10 crafts in alto- gether and practically but a handful of shore fish in the lot, so that the dealers had to look to the off-shores for help, and the DeCosta will get at least part of her fare out there and may get rid of the whole of it.

Offshore haddock sold this morning at from \$1.35 to \$1.75 and large cod from \$2 to \$2.75, while cusk brought \$1.75.

Shore haddock sold for \$3.50 and shore large cod from \$3.50 to \$4. Small lots of halibut brought 19 cents per pound.

Schs. Yankee, Olive F. Hutchins and Rose Standish were the only market boats in, while from off-shore were the steam trawlers Ripple and Foam, the former with 27,000 and the latter 17,000 pounds, small catches indeed for these big steam crafts. Also from off-shore are schs. Gladys and Nellie, Ellen C. Burke, Mary T. Fallon and Alice all with good catches.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Alice, 3000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 85,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 15,000 cusk, 1000 halibut. Steamer Ripple, 2200 haddock, 1400 cod, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 24,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 8500 haddock, 40,000 cod, 25,000 hake, 7000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 14,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Steamer Foam, 12,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Rose Standish, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.35 to \$1.75 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3.50; off-shore large cod, \$2 to \$2.75; shore large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; shore market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.35; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.50; cusk, \$1.75; halibut, 10c lb.

Would Revive Herring Industry.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard says: "With the duty of herring, it would again be worth while catching those fish which annually through some part of this shore. Traps and seines would then be worked to some purpose, and the Gloucestermen would not have to go to Newfoundland for their cargoes. There would be money in it for both sides, and a local industry which has long gone by the board for want of profitable sales would again be revived, with vaster possibilities than ever before."

Lobster Shipments Increased.

The shipment of lobsters to Boston last week was double that of the previous week and larger than that of the same week of last year. Last week there were 2826 crates of lob- sters received, 13 from home ports and 2813 from the provinces. In the same week of last year there were shipped here 2459 crates, 88 from home ports and 2371 from the provin- ces. Last week there were also re- ceived from the provinces 21 boxes of green salmon, a quantity not up to last year's, but an increase over the previous receipts of this year.

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Trawler Coquet at New York.

The Nova Scotia steam trawler Co- quet arrived at Fulton Fish Market, New York last Monday, with 30,000 lbs. of haddock, tile, fluke, squid and butterfish. The stock was not as good as that of the previous catches made by the same vessel.

New Steamers Building for Menhaden Fishing.

Three steamers for the Atlantic Oil & Fertilizer Company are nearing completion for the menhaden indus- try. The design was prepared by B. B. Crowninshield of Boston, and the first of the trio was launched last week from the yard of Cobb, Butler & Company, Rockland, Me., which con- cern has another of the vessels on the stocks. The third is being con- structed in Essex.

These steamers are of modern type and calculated to be an improvement over the "porgy" pirates of a decade ago. General dimensions are: Length, over all, 163 feet; waterline, 152 feet; beam, 23 feet; depth of hold, 12 feet. A nearly plumb stem and elliptical stern has been embodied in the design and triple expansion engines, fed by a three-furnace Scotch boiler, 180 pounds pressure, are calculated to give a speed of about 15 miles.

Construction is of white oak and Georgia pine, planking being four inches thick to the lower turn of the bilge and three inches thick on the bottom. Between the two deckhouses is hold space for 5000 barrels of fish. The derrick mast is 82 feet long and 18 inches in diameter.

The steamers register about 400 tons cost \$60,000 each. The first to be launched is named the Martin J. Mar- ran and another will be christened the Herbert N. Edwards.

Portland Fish Notes.

Ten thousand pounds of mixed fish were brought in by sch. Fanny Reed, on Friday, and she was the only one of the local fleet that had any fare.

Two trips of halibut were landed in Portland Friday. The prices were the lowest that the flatfish have brought for some time, for they were six cents for grays and eight cents for white.

Of these trips, by far the larger was that landed by sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Fred Thompson. She had 18,000 pounds of the flatfish, 5000 pounds of salt and 14,000 pounds of mixed fresh fish, all of which was sold to J. W. Trefethen. Capt. Thompson is one of the best known of all the Gloucester skippers coming to this port. He is always making good trips. On the present one he has been but 18 days and stocked nearly \$2500.

The other trip landed here Friday was by sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Thomas Crowell. She had 600 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt fish, which were sold to the F. S. Willard Company. Capt. Crowell said he had been fishing on Georges banks.

Large Fish Receipts at Boston Last Week.

In spite of the gales that made fishing difficult, the Boston whole- sale fish market last week received the largest quantity of fish that has come there for a long time. During the week, there were 193 fishing ves- sels at T wharf with 3,171,300 pounds of ground fish. Last year in the same week there were 65 vessels with 2,095,400 pounds, leaving a clear million pounds in favor of last week.

Herring at Provincetown.

Herring have shown up at Prov- incetown in large schools and the trapmen are sending good quantities of fresh bait to Boston. Saturday morning there were 113 barrels of herring received from Provincetown and Chatham. The fish were unus- ually large for this season, some of them weighing over a pound.

There is plenty of bait at Province- town, the weirs making big hauls of herring yesterday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mystery was at Canso, N. S., Thursday, with 90,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Sch. Senator Gardner cleared from Canso, N. S., Thursday.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines left Canso, N. S., for Queensport, N. S., Thursday.

The handsome sch. Oriole, Capt. Louis Wharton, sailed on a dory hand- lining trip today and sch. Olga, Capt. John Burton, got away pollock seining.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1910 are 34,678 barrels, against 33,139 barrels to date in 1910 of the catch of 1909 and 43,435 barrels to date in 1909 of the catch of 1908.

Lunenburg Fisheries Notes.

J. Ernst & Son, Mahone Bay, have laid the keel for a new fishing schoo- ner for Capt. Charles A. Ernst. The vessel will be done by the first of June. The LaHave fishing schooner May Myree, is sold to parties at Jeddore.

The Booth Fisheries Co.

Reorganization of the Booth Fish- eries Co. was completed at the special meeting of interests, held in Chic- ago recently. Besides authorizing an issue of \$5,000,000 six per cent. debenture bonds, of which \$4,000,000 have been underwritten and offered for sale, the stockholders granted authority to enter into a debenture bond agree- ment securing the same, for the pur- pose of retiring the company's pres- ent issue of \$1,425,000 five per cent. debenture bonds outstanding, and for the purpose of acquiring the entire capital stock of the Northwestern Fisheries Co. at a cost of \$1,675,000.

The full list of officers and directors now stands: President, Frank C. Letts; vice president, S. Knowlton L. Ames, C. M. Trankard, H. R. Ward- en; directors, Frank C. Letts, A. E. Cleavers, A. I. Valentine, K. L. Ames, W. M. Ackers, H. R. Warden, H. T. Holtz, C. H. Whitelaw, R. T. Carroll.

Under the reorganization plan a trusteeship running 10 years has been created, and Knowlton L. Ames, James A. Patten, R. C. Dawes, Frank C. Letts, and M. H. Whitney have been named as trustees, to have control of the company's business.

Canso Fisheries Notes.

High winds have been the lot of the fishermen for the past two days. The Lunenburg Gladys B. Smith, Capt. Benny Smith, arrived from the banks on Tuesday and landed 2,000 lbs. halibut. Captain Smith reports rough weather, but fair fishing.

The Gloucester schooner Mystery, Capt. Charles Rudolph, arrived from the banks Wednesday to land her cook, who is sick with pleurisy. Capt. Rudolph reports 90,000 pounds of salt cod. He has sent to Argyle for anothe- man to replace his cook, and while waiting for him to arrive will take bait and be ready for the banks in a few days.

A number of vessels baited in Ched- abucto Bay during the past two days, among which were the Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Morrissey; Beatrice S. Mack, Capt. Corkum; Louis H. Smith; Smuggler, Capt. Porter, and the Ar- thur W. The Clintonia, Capt. Mack, is still in the bay waiting for bait.

Fishermen are beginning the season in a much better position financially than last season, not having to get as many advances from packers as usual.

In reply to a question as to his views on reciprocity, the packer ex- pressed himself emphatically in fa- vor of the proposed agreement. Oth- ers are decidedly opposed to it.

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HALIBUT CAUGHT BY TAIL.

Taken By Capt. Fred Crawford and Weighed 350 Pounds.

A monster halibut which was caught in a very queer way, was landed at the New England Fish Company's wharf Saturday when sch. Carrie C., took out her fare. The fish was put on the scales alone and tipped the beam at just 350 pounds, being the largest fish landed here for quite a long time.

The fish was caught by Capt. Fred Crawford of the schooner, on a hand line from the deck. The craft was fishing on Georges and the skipper felt a tug at his line and started to haul it up. He had hard work all the way, and no wonder, for when he got the fish in sight it was seen that he had been hooked by the tail. The fish had not bitten at the baited hook, but the tail, as he brushed by the line had evidently got caught on the sway- ing hook and the big fish was securely caught. Two or three gaffs and a killer were needed to get the big chap safely over the side and on deck.

WILL EMPLOY 15 TO 25 MEN.

Russia Cement Co.'s Anacortes Plant Will Soon Begin Operations.

All reports to the effect that the Russia Cement plant has started op- erations are erroneous. It is the in- tention of the manager to start the big plant when the spring arrival of offal arrives from the canneries. When running under full capacity the fac- tory will employ from 15 to 25 men, as owing to the modern labor-saving devices installed during the past year the plant is enabled to handle a large output at a minimum cost. The plant during the past week turned out a preliminary test which was highly sat- isfactory to the manager, C. J. Marani. —Anacortes American.

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Many Fishing Vessels Sail.

A big fleet of haddockers, drifters, etc., which have been hung up here for several days, on account of the long and heavy easterly, took advan- tage of the fine chance and sailed this morning. Fully 25 had gone up to 11 o'clock and many more are ex- pected to get away during the day.

SCH. ARETHUSA MADE BIG STOCK.

CREW SHARED \$170.91 FOR THEIR TWO MONTHS QUICK BANK TRIP.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Mor- rissey, weighed off 216,000 pounds of salt cod, as the result of her recent quick and early record salt bank cod- fishing trip to the peak. On this fare, the splendid stock of \$8751.10 was made, the crew, all sharesmen, getting \$170.91 each for their two months work. Pretty good pay, \$85 per month and board.

The stock, of course, is a remark- able one for the size of the trip, and is due to the fact that the prices paid, \$4.50 for large and \$4 for medium, are the highest ever paid for a spring bank cod fare. It compares favorably with the good stocks of the bank fleet which usually get home in June with from 250,000 to 325,000 pounds of fish and which usually run from \$8000 to \$9500 for the big catches.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fleet Increasing Rapidly.

A letter from Lunenburg, N. S., dat- ed April 19, states that since the banks cod fishing began this season 21 new fishing vessels have been added to the fleet of that place, and contracts have been given for 12 more, all to be finished by October. These vessels are smaller than the American fish- ing vessels that go to the Grand Banks for cod, and average 90 tons. The letter says that the banks fish- ing this year has been poor thus far.

Rise on Fresh Codfish.

Large fresh codfish went up ten cents this morning, when the fare of fresh fish of sch. Maud F. Silva sold to George Perkins & Son. The last sales were \$2.25 and the Silva got \$2.35 for her fish.

The last sales of fresh hake, on three or four fares of splitting fish, have been at \$1.25 per hundred weight.

Provincial Fishermen Doing Well.

Seven of the Lunenburg and La Have fishermen returned to Halifax Friday to replenish their supply of bait and salt. All reports meeting with fair success, the catch for some half a dozen schooners, totalling 1425 quin- tals of cod, 2000 pounds of haddock and 12,000 pounds of halibut.

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Has Brother in This City.

The Rosebay, N. S., banker Edith Marguerite, Capt. Freeman Himmel- man, arrived at Riverport, N. S., re- cently, with flag at half mast, for the loss of Arthur Niford, who was lost from the main-boom, while the ves- sel was off Halifax. The unfortu- nate young man was unmarried, and was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Niford of Rosebay. He is survived also by two brothers, Solomon, at home and Thomas of this city.

Sch. Corsair Ashore and Floated.

Sch. Corsair, Capt. Oscar Lyons of the Rips fleet, which left here yester- day forenoon, ran ashore yesterday afternoon on the easterly end of Georges island, Boston harbor, but floated off in about two hours, assist- ed by Capt. Sparrow and the Stony Beach life saving crew. The schoo- ner is believed to have escaped injury. She was bound to Quincy bay for bait and anchored off Sheep island.

Fresh Fish Prices.

The fresh codfish of the fare of sch. Claudia which sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. on Saturday, brought \$2.35 per hundred weight.

Fresh large cusk are now quoted at \$1.75 that figure having been paid by F. F. Smith & Co. who bought the fare of fresh fish of sch. Harmony, to split.

Returned from Vacation Trip.

Capt. Herbert Nickerson of the knockabout Victor and Ethan, and Capt. Edward Forbes of the knock- about Athena, have returned from a vacation trip to the Pacific coast, taken with Capt. John Watson of the Elva L. Spurling a month ago. They visited the large cities as far north as Seattle.

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DEFINES AN AMERICAN FISHERY.

Court Sustains Treasury Department Appeal in Carter Case.

Instructions to Collectors of Customs Confirmed by Decision.

The United States customs court of appeals has sustained the appeal of the treasury department from the decision of the court of appraisers in the Carter case, so called, as to what constituted an American fishery in foreign waters. The decision, which was very liberal, is familiar to Times readers and gave American vessels considerable latitude in prosecuting the fisheries on the treaty coast of Newfoundland.

The decision of the board of appraisers was a complete victory for Capt. Frank Carter, who for many years has been engaged in the fishery on the Newfoundland treaty coast, in recent years with sch. Sarah C. Wharf and previously with other American craft, and was well received by the bulk of the New England fisheries interest.

The decision evidently did not suit the treasury department, who represented the government in the case against Capt. Carter and others, and an appeal was taken to the customs courts of appeals.

Pending the decision of the court, the treasury department issued a very lengthy circular, known as the Curtis decision, which notified the various collectors of customs what the treasury department considered to be an American fishery in foreign waters and under what conditions fares of fish in American bottoms, from foreign shores should or should not be assessed duty.

The court has now handed down a decision sustaining the ruling of the treasury department, which means that the provisions, or regulations, as promulgated by the circular mentioned above, have been sustained and are in full force and effect.

In doing this the court also defines an American fishery, holding that fish caught in treaty waters by any other

than an American owned or mastered outfit must pay duty as imports.

Points on Which the Appeal From the Decision Was Made.

At the time of making the regulations public, Assistant Secretary Curtis also gave out the following memorandum on the appeal which the department had taken from the decision of court of appraisers in the Carter case:

"The appeal is taken for the reason that the department does not consider that the method of operation adopted by Capt. Carter constitutes an 'American fishery' or that the fish taken in this way are entitled to free entry under paragraph 639 of the tariff act. In this case it will be recalled that the vessel had been tied to the wharf for three years on the shores of the treaty waters of Newfoundland, and Capt. Carter had bought the fish, which had been dried on the shore."

"The objection to the decision," says Secretary Curtis, "is based upon the fact that the fish which were admitted to free entry were not caught in the presence of or in connection with the operation of an American fishing vessel. The department raised no question whatever as to the right of captains of American fishing vessels to employ natives of Newfoundland as a part of the crew when conducting an American fishery. This right has always been conceded by the department and has been affirmed by the recent decision at The Hague. The new regulations are issued for the purpose of making a definition of an American fishery clear and unambiguous; and the department has appealed from the board decision in order that the issue involved may be determined by the Court of Customs Appeals."

The publication of the full text of the decision of the customs court will be awaited here with great interest, although it is felt that as a whole it will differ but little, if any from the treasury department regulations.

WOULD SHIP VIA PORTLAND.

NOVA SCOTIA PAPER SAYS FACILITIES BETTER THAN BY INTERCOLONIAL.

Nova Scotia Paper Says Facilities Better Than by Intercolonial.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard says editorially:

"If free trade in fish becomes an accomplished fact, our shippers will turn their attention to Portland, since that city is not only becoming a good market for provincial green cod and other kinds, but will furnish a convenient avenue for reaching Central Canada from this part of Nova Scotia at least. In this respect Portland is better adapted as a distributing point from these regions than any port in the lower provinces. Half way to Montreal the carriage would be by water, and therefore at a comparatively cheaper rate. Then the facilities for handling and forwarding by rails are ahead of our maritime terminals."

"These advantages are so apparent that five years ago, when the Intercolonial rates were reduced on fish-stuffs for the west, to supply what we were told were the waiting markets there, the Coast Guard seeing this concession would be next to useless for our western shore, through lack of close connection and rapid transit, raised the question of bonding through Portland to Canadian points, and interrogated the department accordingly. The answer was that the minister would object to that traffic passing through a foreign port. Reciprocity would make him overcome those scruples, and we should be on a better footing than Halifax or Canso for forwarding our products to home markets."

TO ABOLISH COMMISSION.

Bill Reported for Single Fish and Game Commissioner.

With four members of the committee on fisheries and game dissenting, a bill has been reported in the Massachusetts legislature to abolish the present three-headed fish and game commission, in favor of a single-headed official, with two deputies to be appointed by the governor. The commissioner would serve five years, at an annual salary of \$3500. The deputies would receive \$2500 each, one having supervision of ocean and shore fisheries and water fowl, the other of game, animals, birds and fresh water fish.

The present situation is that in accordance with a plan adopted as far back as 1865, a chairman being employed at an annual salary, while the other two members receive compensation each day they work. Dr. George W. Fields, the present chairman, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University in animal and marine biology, has gained a great reputation as a scientific expert.

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Fulton Fish Market Notes.

Trade in the wholesale fish market has not been over active, despite the fact that fish in many cases has been low in price.

Halibut from the Pacific coast was quite plentiful last week, six carloads arriving. I. W. Robbins & Son, John Feeney, Chesebro Bros. and John Lambert had one car each, while the New England Halibut Co. had two carloads. Western halibut was quoted during the week at 11 to 12 cents per pound.

Eastern white halibut sold at 14 to 16 cents each during the entire week. Codfish has been low in price this week, steaks selling from six to seven cents during the first few days and dropping to five or six cents on Wednesday. Market cod brought three to five cents.

Flounders have been plentiful and low in price. Two to three cents has been the quotation.

Haddock sold at three to four cents all the week.

There were no hake in the market.

RECENT HALIBUT SALES.

Sch. Corona Sold Fish at This Port at Increase Over Portland Prices.

And still that familiar expression, "Gloucester is not the worst place in the world to sell halibut," continues to hold the element of truth.

Yesterday the fare of the Portland schooner Topsail Girl, some 25,000 pounds of halibut, sold at her home at 6 cents per pound right through.

Sch. Monitor of this port also arrived at Portland yesterday with about 20,000 pounds of halibut and got a raise over the price paid sch. Topsail Girl, selling at the reported price of 7½ cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

Sch. Corona, which was at this port yesterday, did even better than sch. Monitor, for her fare was secured, after spirited bidding, by the American Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound for white and 7¼ cents for gray.

Speaking of the sale of the fare of the Topsail Girl, the Portland Express says:

"Although Capt. J. A. Doggett and the members of the crew of the fishing schooner Topsail Girl landed 23,000 pounds of halibut at Commercial wharf today the trip of the schooner to the LaHave banks had been a hard one and the price received by Capt. Doggett and the drop in price is said to be the result of a large amount of Pacific coast halibut being sent across the country by rail.

"Capt. Doggett and the crew of the Topsail Girl believe that they earned all they will receive for their fish as their trip to LaHave was a long one. The Topsail Girl left Portland one month ago and during that time there were only six days when the men could get out in their dories."

Sch. Margaret of this port, is at Portland this morning with 20,000 pounds of halibut.

Newfoundland Schooner Wrecked.

Particulars of the loss of the Port au Basques, N. F., banking schooner Transvaal, at Ramea, last week, state that the unfortunate schooner left Fortune Bay last Wednesday, and that evening just at dark passed Cape La Hune and ran for Rose Blanche in a snow storm. At two o'clock in the morning the vessel found herself surrounded by a group of sunken rocks. Two anchors were dropped, but they did not hold her. At 3 a. m., the crew of 18 men boarded the five dories and rowed to a small island. Some of the dories were broken up and a fire lighted and with the other boats they made a shelter for themselves. At 10 a. m., the schooner broke her moorings, was driven in on the rocks and in 15 minutes was broken to pieces. At 5 p. m., the fishermen at Ramea rescued five of the castaways, but it was so dangerous that they would not attempt to take off the others until the storm went down. At daylight Friday, the others were removed and soon after joined the Prospero for their homes at Marystown. They had a hard experience. The men have since joined other schooners.

Change of Skippers.

Several changes have taken place among the fishing captains at T wharf. Capt. Erastus Nickerson, formerly of sch. Margaret Dillon has taken sch. Juniata, and yesterday morning brought his new command to T wharf to fit out for the summer work. Capt. Fred Quinlan, formerly of sch. Galatea, has taken sch. Buema and will fit her out. Capt. Thomas Selig, owner of sch. Galatea, came up from his home in Nova Scotia Sunday and will fit out his schooner and take her out himself.

Capt. Edward Forbes of sch. Athena and Capt. Herbert Nickerson of sch. Victor and Ethan, who returned Friday evening from a trip to the Pacific coast, were at the wharf yesterday morning and will take out their vessels today.

Wireless Outfit on Trawler Foam Unsuccessful.

The wireless telegraph outfit that was installed on the steam trawler Foam, just before she started on her last trip, did not prove a success. With the consent of the corporation that owns the steamer, a young man rigged up an apparatus of his own construction and sailed in the Foam to work it himself. While out on the ocean he tried to communicate with steamers, but did not succeed. Then came the big gales, and the temporary arrangement was rendered useless. The fishermen admired the young man's pluck and all felt sorry that his attempt was not a success.

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Digby Fishing Notes.

Sch. Wave Queen, Capt. Thos. Miller, is fitting out at the Racquette for bay fishing.

Sch. Effie Morrissey, Capt. Ansel Snow, sailed from Yarmouth Tuesday. She had on board 100,000 lbs. mixed fish.

Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. John Apt, sailed Friday afternoon on the first fishing trip of the season in her summer rig.

Sch. Myrtle L., Capt. Arthur Longmire, has been towed from Robertson's wharf to D. & O. Sproule's in the Racquette, where she will receive her summer rig.

Auxiliary schooner Fred and Norman, Capt. Cheney, is at the Racquette where she will load fish for the Lane Libbey Fisheries Company, Vinal Haven, purchased from the Maritime Fish Corporation.

Sch. Alcione is in the Racquette fitting out for fresh fishing. She will be commanded by Capt. Harry B. Hayden who is now looking up a crew.

Norway Sardines.

Norway sardines are in steady demand, having established a regular market. The outlook is that they will bring higher prices soon, owing mainly to the call for fresh fish. Then, too, the cost of olive oil and labor has increased. French sardines are quiet and easier. Portuguese sardines are in poor supply, which makes the demand all that could be desired.—New York Fishing Gazette.

First Sturgeon of the Season.

The steam trawler Foam at T wharf yesterday brought in a sturgeon which weighed 200 pounds. It is unusual to get them so early, and this one was so large that it attracted the attention of old fishermen. The fish was 10 feet long, and when opened a roe was found that weighed over 10 pounds.

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Pensacola Fishing Notes.

Arrivals of smacks were light at Pensacola, last week because of bad weather. Seven of them came to port three for the Warren Fish Co. and four for E. E. Saunders & Co. All had light catches, the total for the seven vessels was 81,000 pounds of fish. Of red snapper there were 60,000 pounds and groupers 21,000 pounds. Only three smacks had any groupers. The largest haul of red snapper was made by the Caldwell H. Colt of the Warren Fish Co., which had 18,000 pounds. The next largest haul, made by the smack Louise Harper, of E. E. Saunders & Co., consisted of 15,000 pounds.

Smack arrivals follow: Warren Fish Co. smack Osceola, 4000 pounds redsnapper; smack Caldwell H. Colt, 18,000 pounds redsnapper, 6000 pounds grouper; smack A. Franklin 4000 pounds redsnappers.

E. E. Saunders & Co. smack Lettie G. Howard 10,000 pounds redsnapper, 6000 pounds grouper; smack Angelina, 4000 pounds redsnapper; smack Louise Harper, 15,000 pounds redsnapper, 9000 pounds grouper; smack Seam, 5000 pounds redsnapper.

The smack Angelina of the E. E. Saunders & Co. fleet, brought a crazy man to that port on the unlucky thirteenth of the month. While at the fishing banks the man became insane and attempted to take his own life.

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Fish Fare at Halifax.

The Lunenburg, N. S., banker J. B. Young arrived at Halifax from the Western banks Friday afternoon with a fair catch of fish. Cod and haddock are reported not over plentiful at present, but there is a fair amount of halibut going.

FISH RECEIPTS LESS TODAY.

ONLY ARRIVAL DURING THE
NIGHT WAS SCH. MARY DE-
COSTA FROM BOSTON.

There is quite a let-up in the receipts here. Yesterday noon sch. Corona, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, came in with a fine fare of halibut, 23,000 pounds of fresh fish and during the night sch. Mary DeCosta came down from Boston with 30,000 pounds of fresh fish to split, having landed the biggest part of her over a 100,000 pound trip, the whole of which she brought down here once and then went back with. It certainly paid her and her captain to make the move they did, as they got out a big lot yesterday at an advance over splitting prices.

The shore boats did well yesterday, landing quite a lot of fish at the Fort, and the lake boats also had 15,000 pounds. This is another fine fish day and the little chaps are all out again.

Sch. Thalia, one of the fresh drafters, slipped in by everybody yesterday morning, coming down from Boston and landing 6000 pounds of fresh cod to split at Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Mindora, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Weazel, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, shore, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.
- Sch. Thalia, Rips, via Boston, 6000 lbs. fresh cod.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Arethusa, salt bank trawl codfishing.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, halibuting.
- Sch. Eglantine, Rips.
- Sch. Jubilee, Rips.
- Sch. Rose Dorothea haddocking.
- Sch. Romance, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
- Trawl Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.
- Haddock, \$1.25.
- Pollock, \$2.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.10.
- Large cod, \$2.35; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
- Peak fresh codfish, \$2.25 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75.
- Hake, \$1.25.
- Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round \$1.
- Halibut, 8c per lb., for white and 71-4c for gray.

The Herring Market.

In most departments the herring market is lifeless as usual at this period between the end of Lent and the beginning of settled weather. Holland herrings are still in hand to mouth request, although business in that line is practically over for the season. Irish and Scotch herrings are dull and featureless. Norway and Iceland herrings are still attractive, because of their relatively low prices, quality considered, and will continue in gradually increasing demand until they are more nearly on a par as to quotations with other varieties.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Herring Catch at Provincetown Increasing.

As the weather grows warmer herring are being taken in larger quantities in the traps at Provincetown. Sunday when the traps were hauled large numbers of herring were found in them, and a lot of the catch was put in cold storage to have a supply on hand for the fishermen if the herring should disappear suddenly.

MARKET DULL ON CODFISH.

BUT T WHARF DEALERS ARE
PAYING GOOD PRICES FOR
SHORE HADDOCK.

The market is dull on codfish at T wharf this morning, but haddock, especially shore stock are moving well, off-shores being quoted at \$2 and shores at from \$2.25 to \$3.30. There are only 10 trips in all, at the fish wharf the largest being sch. Pontiac, which hauls for 60,000 pounds, over half cod. The others are small shore fares. Pollock brought \$2.25, hake \$1 to \$2.25 and cusk \$1.85.

The market boats will fish today and a goodly fleet is looked for tomorrow.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are
- Sch. Albert W. Black, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake, 5000 cusk.
- Sch. Marion, 1300 cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 5000 haddock, 1200 cod.
- Sch. Valentinna, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 cusk.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Mary C. Santos, 22,000 haddock, 4500 cod.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 3000 haddock, 4300 cod, 10,000 hake, 4000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Pontiac, 5000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 cod.
- Off-shore haddock, \$2 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$2.25 to \$3.30; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$2.25; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.85. Market dull on codfish.

Portland Fish Notes.

Two halibut trips were brought in Saturday, one of them by the well known Portland sch. Topsail Girl, which has been away for four weeks on LaHave banks, her catch weighing out 23,000 lbs. of halibut in addition to about 5000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Harvard of Gloucester also landed 5000 pounds of halibut and also had 7000 pounds of salt cod, the result of a 12 days cruise on Georges banks. Both skippers report very rough weather on the banks, snow storms being frequent, with strong and intensely cold winds.

Other late fish arrivals were the schs. Marion E. Turner, with 25,000 pounds of pollock, taken off Matinicus, and the Albert W. Black, with 14,000 pounds of mixed fish.

New Fishing Station on Texas Coast.

Capt. Ludlam of Cape May, N. J. is establishing a large fishing plant on Steadman Island, two miles from the mainland, off the Aransas Pass coast, Texas, and will engage in deep sea fishing. The fish will be packed in cars at Aransas Pass wharf and will be shipped to northern markets. The plant will have a packing and shipping capacity of 175,000 pounds of fish per week. Capt. Ludlam predicts that this will be one of the greatest fish markets in the United States, as fishermen can work the entire year on Texas coast compared with only half the time on the Atlantic coast.

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The Salt Fish Market.

The salt fish market is stagnant in many directions. In the mackerel and the demand for Irish has steadily fallen, owing to the poor quality of the fish and inadequate methods of curing. Nevertheless, shipments on consignment continue large, being about 900 barrels last week, as reported by cable, against 250 barrels the preceding week. The total shipments to date are about 43,000 barrels. Cod, generally speaking, is quoted at what are almost prohibitive prices, which fact added to the between season's period for fish and the relatively low price of eggs, ends the chances of much business for the time being.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Had Hard Weather.

The Nova Scotia sch. Cavalier, Capt. Hollette, arrived at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., Friday morning from the Banks with loss of cable and reports very rough weather for the past few weeks and fish scarce.

FROM THE SEINING FLEET.

Sch. Monarch Had Seine Washed Overboard in Northeaster.

Capt. John Chisholm received a telephone message yesterday from New York stating that his schooner, the Monarch, Capt. John Matheson, lost her seine, but would proceed as she had another.

The Monarch left here last Tuesday and ran into the severe northeaster which tested her seaworthiness. The seine which was packed solidly, and lashed forward the cabin house, was torn bodily from its fastenings by a huge sea which struck the vessel and carried it to leeward over the rail.

The seine boat, which was also lashed on deck, narrowly escaped a similar fate.

Sch. Massasoit at New York.

Arnold & Winslow, owners of sch. Massasoit, which started south mackerel netting, received word yesterday morning from their New York agents that the schooner had put in there and that Capt. Frank Nolan and his crew were all well.

Netting Fleet Fitting Out.

The netter Clara T., Capt. William Luth, is fitting out at Newport and will be the first of her class to sail from there.

The netter Alice, Capt. Henry Monson, and netter Wood & Mack are also fitting out.

Sch. Lucania Fitting for Seining.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, is fitting for south mackerel seining.

Irish Mackerel Catch.

The total quantity and value of mackerel landed on the Irish coast, month of March, 93 bbls., value, \$455; same month of 1910, 232 bbls., value, \$610.

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AMBERGRIS AT BOSTON.

VALUABLE PRIZE OF BARK VIOLA
CAREFULLY GUARDED BY
DRUGGISTS.

In a vault at the Boston Headquarters of Howe & French, wholesalers in drugs and chemicals, 99 to 101 Broad street, Boston, more carefully guarded than gold, which it exceeds in rarity and value, is 100 lbs. of ambergris, that, to the untrained eye, appears to be a mass of worthless clay in a hardened state.

The substance fills a strong box nearly a yard square and is valued at \$25,000 to \$60,000, according to experts who have viewed the mass since it arrived from the Barbadoes in a sealed oil barrel on Saturday afternoon.

Trade quotations estimate the present market value of ambergris at from \$10 to \$15 an ounce. The 100-pound package is by far the largest amount of ambergris brought to Boston by New England men, in many years, and is said to be of an uncommonly high quality. It was picked up by the brig Viola, Capt. John A. Cook, who found it while whaling off the west coast of Africa in December and will be divided with the whaler Bertha D. Nickerson, with which craft the Viola was "mating" at the time she struck the prize.

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The omission of a comma in the Curtis fish and game act, passed by the legislature of Indiana, in an amendment to an act of 1899, is discovered to have tacked a salary increase of \$1800 to the pay of the state fish and game commissioner. The joker was not made known until that official applied to the auditor of the state for a warrant to recover back salary.

"He shall be paid the further sum of \$1800 per annum payable also in monthly instalments out of the funds in his hands for the protection or propagation of fish and game," reads one clause.

The lack of a comma, after "hands" puts a different construction on the law than was intended by the legislature, which thought it was appropriating funds for the propagation and protection of fish.

Sailed on Second Salt Bank Trawl Codfishing Trip.

Sch. Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, sailed on her second salt bank trawl codfishing trip of the season yesterday afternoon.

Capt. Clayton is out to put a crimp in the great record he made last year, and although it will be a hard job, still he has the finest kind of a start and may be able to accomplish the task he has set for himself. The craft has gone over to Provincetown, where she will take a big baiting of fresh, large herring, and then proceed to the fishing grounds to the eastward.

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Was Native of Bonne Bay, N. F.

John Joseph Moxley, the fisherman who was landed ill from sch. Winnifred of Boston, at Liverpool, N. S., on April 11 and who died at the hospital there April 19, was a native of St. Joseph's Cove, Bonne Bay, N. F. The remains were interred pending possible removal later.

Stock of Sch. Elsie.

Sch. Elsie, Capt. Thomas Downey, stocked \$1686 as the result of her recent fresh cod trip from the peak, the crew sharing \$33 clear.

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HERRING DISAPPEAR.

Canning Factories in and About
Maine, and Fisher men in Quandary.

The schools of herring so plentiful for more than a week about Passamaquoddy bay and the Bay of Fundy, and in great demand by eastern Maine sardine canners suddenly disappeared Friday and their absence has caused alarm and disappointment among thousands of Quoddy weir owners and boatmen.

When the sardine canning industry opened on the 15th of the month there was enough fish caught to supply double the number of sardine factories that opened on time. Nearly 400 hogsheads of herring, of 10-bushel baskets each, were brought here every day, and were readily sold for \$12 a hogshead. The fish were of just the proper size for canning and declared the best of the season.

Arrangements had been made for starting up several more of the dozen sardine factories in Eastport, and several canning plants were to have been opened Monday at neighboring coast towns, but the fish have disappeared. Where they went to is a mystery to the veteran fishermen.

The arrival of the fish early in April was a surprise, as the schools are usually delayed in coming into Passamaquoddy bay until July and August. During the past two seasons, however, they seemed to have abandoned the eastern Maine waters, and most of last year's supply was brought to Eastport and Lubec by steamers and trains from Portland.

NEW BRUNSWICK FISHERIES.

Campaign Against Dogfish and Dumping Fish Scraps Proving of Benefit.

In speaking of the fisheries of Campbellton, N. B., the American consul there reports as follows:

"Except in the case of lobsters and eels, both of which are rapidly decreasing, there was marked improvement in the fishing industries, due in a great measure to the systematic campaign being waged against the dog-fish pest and fish-scrap nuisance in Chaleur Bay. There were greater catches of cod, herring, salmon and smelts than in 1909, and there has been a growing supply of these since the beginning of the government's efforts to exterminate the dogfish and to prevent pollution of the waters by dumping of fish-scraps into them. A bounty of \$4 per ton for dogfish and \$3 per ton for fish offal is paid at the wharf of the reduction works at Shippagan, which has the effect of stimulating among the fishing towns and villages a growing interest in the protection of their fishing grounds from both sources of damage.

Made Quick Trip.

Capt. James O'Brien, who has just completed his first trip in command of the fishing schooner Ellen C. Burke, was receiving congratulations at T wharf yesterday, for the fine trip of his vessel on the run from the fishing grounds. The Burke covered 221 miles, the distance from Brazil Rock buoy, off Cape Sable, to Thatcher's island, in just 21 hours.